

REMARKS

The amendments above and the remarks below are in response to an Office Action mailed in the above-listed patent application on September 6, 2007.

Claims 1-15 and 17-29 were pending in the application. The Examiner rejected claims 18-20 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. section 112, first paragraph. Applicants have cancelled claims 18-20 and 29 making the rejection moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-15 and 17-28 under 35 U.S.C. section 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 3,750,994 ("the '994 Patent"). Applicants have amended claims 1-15, 17, and 21-28 to claim a hemofiltration system. The '994 Patent is directed to a mounting device for a projection screen. Applicants respectfully submit that the '994 Patent has no relevance to the claims as amended and, accordingly, request that the claims be allowed.

Fees Due to File This Amendment

Prior to the pending Office Action, a fee was paid for the original 29 claims, with 4 of them being independent claims. The claim amendments have not resulted in more than the original number of claims, and **thus no claim fees are believed to be due** to file this amendment.

Petition For Extension Of Time To Respond

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request an extension of time for **One Month** to respond to the above-referenced Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECC-5764).

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (ECC-5764).

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